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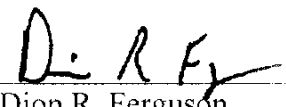
In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations: English Concise Statements for Japanese Publication Nos. Sho51-65420 and Sho56-174698 are submitted herewith. English language Abstracts for Japanese Publication Nos. 2000-280751; 2001-287549; Hei9-226376; 2002-154338; Hei5-278465; 2003-72383; 2001-315531; Hei2-5605; Hei8-80749; 2001-97044; 2002-234344; 2002-178769; and 2002-46479 are submitted herewith.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)		
		US 6,007,140		12-28-1999	HEITMANN et al.
		US			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Translation/ English Abstract ⁷
		Country Code ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)			
		JP	2000-280751	A	10-10-2000	NISHIKAWA RUBBER CO. LTD.	Yes
		JP	Sho51-65420		05-24-1976		No
		JP	2001-287549	A	10-16-2001	NISHIKAWA RUBBER CO. LTD.	Yes
		JP	Hei9-226376	A	09-02-1997	KINUGAWA RUBBER IND CO LTD	Yes
		JP	Sho56-174698		12-23-1981		No
		JP	2002-154338	A	05-28-2002	TOYO TIRE & RUBBER CO LTD	Yes
		JP	Hei5-278465	A	10-26-1993	KINUGAWA RUBBER IND CO LTD	Yes
		JP	2003-072383	A	03-12-2003	HONDA MOTOR CO LTD SANKEI GIKEN KOGYO CO LTD	Yes
		JP	2001-315531	A	11-13-2001	NISHIKAWA RUBBER CO LTD SUZUKI MOTOR CORP	Yes
		JP	Hei2-5605	B2	04-12-1985	KINUGAWA RUBBER IND CO LTD	Yes (of corres. Pub. No. 60-064025)
		JP	Hei8-080749	A	03-26-1996	NISSAN MOTOR CO LTD	Yes
		JP	2001-097044	A	04-10-2001	NISHIKAWA RUBBER CO LTD	Yes
		JP	2002-234344	A	08-20-2002	TOYODA GOSEI CO LTD	Yes
		JP	2002-178769	A	06-26-2002	KINUGAWA RUBBER IND CO LTD	Yes
		JP	2002-46479	A	02-12-2002	KINUGAWA RUBBER IND CO LTD	Yes

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation ⁶

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ENGLISH CONCISE STATEMENTS

(2) Unexamined Japanese Utility Model Application Publication No. Sho51-65420:

There is provided a weather strip of a door for a vehicle including:

- a main lip portion which is provided on a door sash and touches in contact with an outer panel of a roof side rail, and

- a sub lip portion which touches in contact with a roof drip or a drip mall.

(5) Unexamined Japanese Utility Model Application Publication No. Sho56-174698:

There is provided a glass ran rubber including:

- a hard channel portion 12 which is provided at an inner circumferential opening portion of a door sash 1, and

- a soft seal portion 13 which is formed to be integral with the channel portion 12 and to cover the opening portion of the channel portion 12.